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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). A letter for payment of fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to copending application No.'s 09/616,151, 09/627,799, 10/033,285, 09/619,349 and 10/134,795.

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